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SUBJECT: LOS: SOVIET APPROACH ON ARCTIC

1. SOVIET MINISTER COUNSELOR VORONTSOV DELIVERED FOLLOWING  
"NON-PAPER" TO DEP ASSISTANT SEC ARMITAGE ON APRIL 23:

BEGIN TEXT

AT THE GENEVA SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE  
SEA, THE CANADIAN DELEGATION SEEKS TO INCLUDE THE PROVI-  
SIONS INTO THE FUTURE CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA  
WHICH WOULD LEGALIZE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL THE ACTIONS  
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OF THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR REGULATING THE NAVIGATION  
AND THE SEA ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION IN THE ARCTIC WATERS  
ADJOINING THE CANADIAN SHORES.

IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION GOES EVEN FARTHER IN THIS QUESTION AND STIPULATES THAT THE ARCTIC STATES CAN ADOPT RULES TO REGULATE THE NAVIGATION AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION IN THE ARCTIC ONLY UNDER CONDITION THAT SUCH RULES WOULD BE TRANSMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) AND THAT ALL POSSIBLE DISPUTES IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH RULES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION.

THE SOVIET DELEGATION HAS STATED TO BOTH THE CANADIAN AND U.S. DELEGATIONS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT AGREE TO SUBMIT ITS RULES REGULATING THE NAVIGATION IN THE ARCTIC WATERS ADJOINING THE USSR SHORES FOR APPROVAL BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE THESE QUESTIONS ARE WHOLLY WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIET DELEGATION WILL OBJECT ANY ATTEMPTS TO IMPOSE UPON THE CONFERENCE ANY DECISIONS FOR SUBMITTING STATE LAWS OF ARCTIC STATES REGULATING THE NAVIGATION AND ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION IN THE ARCTIC FOR APPROVAL OR EVEN CONSIDERATION BY IMCO OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE SAID WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT ANY PROPOSALS TO SUBMIT SOVIET RULES REGULATING THE NAVIGATION AND PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION IN THE ARCTIC ARE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE FOR THE USSR.

IN MOSCOW, A GREAT IMPORTANCE IS ATTACHED TO THIS QUESTION, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE US DELEGATION IN GENEVA WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONSIDERATIONS.  
END TEXT

2. VORONTSOV INDICATED SIMILAR MESSAGE BEING GIVEN TO CANADIANS.

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